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Burmaster awards grants to support gifted and talented programs

Eleven agencies in Wisconsin to share \$273,000

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster awarded 12 Gifted and Talented Education Grants to 11 agencies throughout Wisconsin. The grants, ranging in amounts from \$15,000 to \$26,400, will support gifted and talented programs for students throughout the state.

“Gifted and high potential youth need challenges that help them extend their understanding, develop their talents, and keep them engaged in their own learning,” Burmaster said. “These grants will help educators provide appropriate services so our students can reach their full potential.”

Grants will support activities in the state’s cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs), non-profit agencies, and Milwaukee Public Schools. They include

- CESA 2, *Leveraging Learning: Developing a Seamless Process to Meet the Needs of G/T Students*, \$25,000;
- CESA 3, *Building Gifted and Talented Capacity*, \$25,000;
- CESA 4, *Western Wisconsin Initiative for Gifted and Talented Education*, \$20,000;
- CESA 5, *CESA 5 Gifted and Talented*, \$25,000;
- CESA 6, *Area Clusters of Exceptional Support*, \$23,600;
- CESA 7, *CESA 7 Gifted Education Programming for Students and Educators*, \$15,000;
- CESA 10, *G/T Student Education Program*, \$23,000;
- Milwaukee Public Schools, *Professional Learning for Gifted and Talented Education*, \$15,000;
- Positive Alternatives, *Partners for Enrichment*, \$25,000;
- Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted, *Gifted Information Forum and Talkback Sessions*, \$25,000; and
- Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, two grants, *Children of Promise* and *District Cooperative Online Program*, for a total of \$51,400.

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“We must recognize the unique needs of our gifted and talented youth, and it is important for our schools to identify gifted and talented students, especially those from under-represented groups,” Burmaster said. “The goal of our New Wisconsin Promise is to provide a quality education for every child, and these grants offer important support for gifted and talented education programs.”

Burmaster made a request in the 2005-07 state budget to fund gifted and talented grants. The Department of Public Instruction requested and received an increase in funding for the 2007-09 biennium. The grants are to help enhance the capacity of schools to meet the education needs of gifted and talented students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Funds from this year’s grants are to be used by June 30.

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